

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

DANIEL JENKINS (1)  
MICHAEL ATKINSON (2)

CRIMINAL NO. 3:18-CR-406-K  
(supersedes indictment returned  
August 8, 2018)

**SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges that:

Count One  
Conspiracy to Commit Hate Crimes, Kidnapping, and Carjacking  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371)

Introduction

1. John Doe 1 was a 57 year-old male. John Doe 2 was a 20 year-old male. John Doe 3 was a 19 year-old male. John Doe 4 was a 19 year-old male. John Doe 5 was a 29 year-old male. John Doe 6 was a 37 year-old male. John Doe 7 was a 20 year-old male. John Doe 8 was a 23 year-old male. John Doe 9 was a 27 year-old male.
2. In December of 2017, John Does 1 through 9 used Grindr.
3. Grindr was a cellular telephone application that called itself “the World’s Largest Social Networking App for Gay, Bi, Trans, and Queer People.”
4. At all times relevant to this offense, Apartment #186 was a vacant apartment at the Solana Ridge Apartment Complex in Dallas, Texas.

The Charge

Beginning in or around the first week of December 2017, and continuing thereafter up to and including December 12, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendants, **Daniel Jenkins and Michael Atkinson**, did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, and agree with each other, and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit the following offenses against the United States, as charged in the remaining counts of the indictment and incorporated herein:

- a. to willfully cause bodily injury to, and through the use of a firearm and dangerous weapon attempt to cause bodily injury to, any person because of the actual and perceived sexual orientation of any person, and used a channel, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application (“app”), and the internet, in committing and in furtherance of the commission of the offense, in connection with the conduct described herein, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 249(a)(2);
- b. to unlawfully and willfully seize, confine, kidnap, inveigle, decoy, abduct, or carry away and hold for ransom and reward and otherwise, and use a means, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application (“app”), and the internet, in committing and in furtherance of the commission of the offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1); and
- c. with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm, to intentionally take, and attempt to take, from the person and presence of another, by force and violence

and by intimidation, a motor vehicle that had been transported, shipped, and received in interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2119.

Plan and Purpose of the Conspiracy

The plan and purpose of the conspiracy was to use Grindr, a dating app, to create fake profiles and pose as gay men interested in “dates” to lure gay men to the Solana Ridge Apartment Complex and areas in and around Dallas, Texas in order to commit violent crimes against them, including kidnapping, assault, robbery, and carjacking. It was also the plan and purpose of the conspiracy to force the victims at gunpoint to relinquish their possessions, including, but not limited to, their wallets, money, car keys, cars, drivers’ licenses and identification cards, credit and debit cards, and cellular telephones.

Overt Acts

In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to accomplish the objects thereof, members of the conspiracy committed, and caused to be committed, the following overt acts, among others, within the Northern District of Texas:

1. On or about December 6, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy used Grindr to lure John Doe 8 to the Solana Ridge Apartments in Dallas, Texas.
2. On or about December 6, 2017, **Daniel Jenkins** and at least one other member of the conspiracy held John Doe 8 at gunpoint inside of an apartment at the Solana Ridge Apartments in Dallas, Texas.
3. On or about December 6, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy pointed a handgun at John Doe 8, and demanded his property.

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4. On or about December 6, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy took possession of John Doe 8's cellular telephone.
5. On or about December 7, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy used a Grindr account with a profile picture of John Doe 8 to lure John Doe 9 to the Solana Ridge Apartments in Dallas, Texas.
6. On or about December 7, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy pointed a handgun at John Doe 9, and demanded his property.
7. On or about December 7, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy forced John Doe 9 at gunpoint to drive to a local ATM.
8. On or about December 7, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy used Grindr to lure John Doe 1 to the Solana Ridge Apartments in Dallas, Texas.
9. On or about December 7, 2017, a member of the conspiracy pointed a handgun at John Doe 1, and demanded his property.
10. On or about December 8, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy used Grindr to lure John Doe 2, to the Solana Ridge Apartments in Dallas, Texas.
11. On or about December 8, 2017, a member of the conspiracy pointed a gun at John Doe 2, and demanded his property.
12. On or about December 8, 2017, a member of the conspiracy hit John Doe 2 in the head with an object.
13. On or about December 11, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy used Grindr to lure men to areas in and around Dallas, Texas, including the Solana Ridge Apartments.

14. On or about December 11, 2017, **Jenkins** met men at their cars and invited them into Apartment #186.
15. On or about December 11, 2017, **Atkinson** brought a handgun to Apartment #186.
16. On or about December 11, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy threatened at least one man with physical assault.
17. On or about December 11, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy threatened at least one man with sexual assault.
18. On or about December 11, 2017, **Jenkins** pointed a handgun toward at least one man inside of Apartment #186.
19. On or about December 11, 2017, **Jenkins** used force and threats of force to hold at least one man inside of Apartment #186.
20. On or about December 11, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy physically assaulted John Doe 3 inside Apartment #186.
21. On or about December 11, 2017, **Jenkins** physically assaulted John Doe 4 and called John Doe 4 gay slurs inside Apartment #186.
22. On or about December 11, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy pointed a handgun at John Doe 4.
23. On or about December 11, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy took John Doe 4's property.

24. On or about December 11, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy used an object to sexually assault at least one of the men being held in Apartment #186.
25. On or about December 11, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy physically assaulted John Doe 5 inside Apartment #186.
26. On or about December 11, 2017, **Atkinson** took John Doe 5 to his house in order to take property from John Doe 5.
27. On or about December 11, 2017, **Jenkins** physically assaulted John Doe 6 and called John Doe 6 gay slurs inside Apartment #186.
28. On or about December 11, 2017, at least one member of the conspiracy urinated and wiped human feces on at least one man.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

Count Two  
Hate Crime Acts; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 249(a)(2) and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendant, **Daniel Jenkins**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, aiding and abetting each other, did willfully cause bodily injury to John Doe 3, by assaulting John Doe 3, because of John Doe 3's actual and perceived sexual orientation. The offense included kidnapping, and **Daniel Jenkins**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, aiding and abetting each other, did use a channel, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application ("app"), and the internet, in connection with the conduct described herein.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 249(a)(2) and 2.

Count Three  
Hate Crime Acts; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 249(a)(2) and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendant, **Daniel Jenkins**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, aiding and abetting each other, did willfully cause bodily injury to John Doe 4, by assaulting John Doe 4, because of John Doe 4's actual and perceived sexual orientation. The offense included kidnapping, and **Daniel Jenkins**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, aiding and abetting each other, did use a channel, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application ("app"), and the internet, in connection with the conduct described herein.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 249(a)(2) and 2.

Count Four  
Hate Crime Acts; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 249(a)(2) and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendant, **Daniel Jenkins**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, aiding and abetting each other, did willfully cause bodily injury to John Doe 5, by assaulting John Doe 5, because of John Doe 5's actual and perceived sexual orientation. The offense included kidnapping, and **Daniel Jenkins**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, aiding and abetting each other, did use a channel, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application ("app"), and the internet, in connection with the conduct described herein.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 249(a)(2) and 2.

Count Five  
Hate Crime Acts; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 249(a)(2) and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendant, **Daniel Jenkins**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, aiding and abetting each other, did willfully cause bodily injury to John Doe 6, by assaulting John Doe 6, because of John Doe 6's actual and perceived sexual orientation. The offense included kidnapping, and **Daniel Jenkins**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, aiding and abetting each other, did use a channel, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application ("app"), and the internet, in connection with the conduct described herein.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 249(a)(2) and 2.

Count Six

Kidnapping; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendants, **Daniel Jenkins** and **Michael Atkinson**, aiding and abetting each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully and willfully seize, confine, inveigle, kidnap, abduct, and carry away and hold John Doe 3 for ransom and reward and otherwise, and did use a means, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application (“app”), and the internet, in committing and in furtherance of the commission of the offense.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2.

Count Seven

Kidnapping; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendants, **Daniel Jenkins** and **Michael Atkinson**, aiding and abetting each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully and willfully seize, confine, inveigle, kidnap, abduct, and carry away and hold John Doe 4 for ransom and reward and otherwise, and did use a means, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application (“app”), and the internet, in committing and in furtherance of the commission of the offense.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2.

Count Eight  
Kidnapping; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendants, **Daniel Jenkins** and **Michael Atkinson**, aiding and abetting each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully and willfully seize, confine, inveigle, kidnap, abduct, and carry away and hold John Doe 5 for ransom and reward and otherwise, and did use a means, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application (“app”), and the internet, in committing and in furtherance of the commission of the offense.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2.

Count Nine  
Kidnapping; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendants, **Daniel Jenkins** and **Michael Atkinson**, aiding and abetting each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully and willfully seize, confine, inveigle, kidnap, abduct, and carry away and hold John Doe 6 for ransom and reward and otherwise, and did use a means, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application (“app”), and the internet, in committing and in furtherance of the commission of the offense.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2.

Count Ten  
Kidnapping; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendants, **Daniel Jenkins** and **Michael Atkinson**, aiding and abetting each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did unlawfully and willfully seize, confine, inveigle, kidnap, abduct, and carry away and hold John Doe 7 for ransom and reward and otherwise, and did use a means, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application (“app”), and the internet, in committing and in furtherance of the commission of the offense.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2.

Count Eleven  
Kidnapping; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2)

On or about December 6, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendant, **Daniel Jenkins**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, aiding and abetting each other, did unlawfully and willfully seize, confine, inveigle, kidnap, abduct, and carry away and hold John Doe 8 for ransom and reward and otherwise, and did use a means, facility, and instrumentality of interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a cellular telephone, a cellular telephone application (“app”), and the internet, in committing and in furtherance of the commission of the offense.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2.

Count Twelve  
Carjacking; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2119 and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendants, **Daniel Jenkins** and **Michael Atkinson**, aiding and abetting each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, with the intent to cause death and serious bodily harm, did intentionally take a motor vehicle that had been transported, shipped, and received in interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a 2017 Nissan Altima bearing a vehicle identification number (VIN) with the last four digits of 6642, from the person or presence of another, namely, John Doe 4, by force and violence and by intimidation.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2119 and 2.

Count Thirteen  
Carjacking; Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2119 and 2)

On or about December 7, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendant, **Daniel Jenkins**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, aiding and abetting each other, with the intent to cause death and serious bodily harm, did intentionally take a motor vehicle that had been transported, shipped, and received in interstate and foreign commerce, to-wit: a 2015 Nissan Sentra bearing a vehicle identification number (VIN) with the last four digits of 1699, from the person or presence of another, namely, John Doe 9, by force and violence and by intimidation.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2119 and 2.

Count Fourteen

Using, Carrying, and Brandishing a Firearm During and in Relation to, and Possessing and Brandishing a Firearm in Furtherance of, a Crime of Violence;

Aiding and Abetting

(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) and 2)

On or about December 7, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendant, **Daniel Jenkins**, aided and abetted by others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly use, carry, and brandish a firearm, to-wit: a handgun, during and in relation to a crime of violence, to-wit: carjacking, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2119, as alleged in Count 13 of this indictment, for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, and the defendant, aided and abetted by others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly possess and brandish said firearm in furtherance of the commission of this offense.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) and 2.

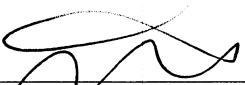
Count Fifteen

Using, Carrying, and Brandishing a Firearm During and in Relation to, and  
Possessing and Brandishing a Firearm in Furtherance of, a Crime of Violence;  
Aiding and Abetting  
(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1)(C)(i) and 2)

On or about December 11, 2017, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendant,  
**Daniel Jenkins**, aided and abetted by others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did  
knowingly use, carry, and brandish a firearm, to-wit: a handgun, during and in relation to  
a crime of violence, to-wit: carjacking, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2119, as alleged in  
Count 12 of this indictment, for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a court of the  
United States, and the defendant, aided and abetted by others known and unknown to the  
Grand Jury, did knowingly possess and brandish said firearm in furtherance of the  
commission of this offense.

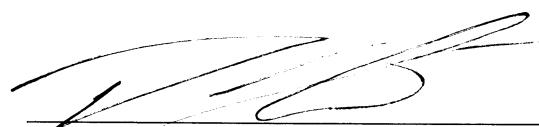
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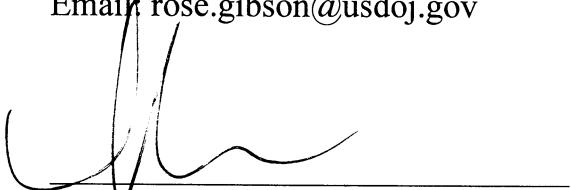


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INDICTMENT

18 U.S.C. § 371

Conspiracy to Commit Hate Crimes, Kidnapping, and Carjacking  
(Count 1)

18 U.S.C. §§ 249(a)(2) and 2  
Hate Crime Acts; Aiding and Abetting  
(Counts 2-5)

18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and 2  
Kidnapping; Aiding and Abetting  
(Counts 6-11)

18 U.S.C. §§ 2119 and 2  
Carjacking; Aiding and Abetting  
(Counts 12-13)

18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) and 2  
Using, Carrying, and Brandishing a Firearm During and in Relation to, and  
Possessing and Brandishing a Firearm in Furtherance of, a Crime of Violence;  
Aiding and Abetting  
(Count 14)

18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1)(C)(i) and 2  
Using, Carrying, and Brandishing a Firearm During and in Relation to, and  
Possessing and Brandishing a Firearm in Furtherance of, a Crime of Violence;  
Aiding and Abetting  
(Count 15)

15 Counts

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Filed in open court this 8 day of January, 2019.

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**No Warrant Needed**

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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